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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.